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## AFRICAN LILY

(Amorphophallus Revieri)

BLOOMS WITHOUT EARTH OR MOISTURE

ONE OF NATURE'S PLANT FREAKS

# *The* AFRICAN LILLY

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Blooms without earth or moisture in the winter time, and attains its maximum development in about thirty days, sometimes to the remarkable height of ninety inches with a calla like shaped lily fourteen inches in diameter at opening with an enormous spadix thirty-six inches long. The stem is green and mottled with white spots. The lily has a combination of red colors, and blooms about two weeks each year after the bulb is four years old. It has no foliage while in bloom.

## AN ORNAMENTAL PLANT

The African Lily bulbs produce a very attractive palm like appearing plant. During the summer the stem is straight and slender, green in color, mottled with white spots; the leaves are green, small in size, with a lace edging. The plant makes a beautiful and rare addition to any home or garden; they grow any place in the sun or shade.

The one year old bulb grows a plant about one foot tall.

The two year old bulb grows a plant about two feet tall.

The three year old bulb grows a plant about three feet tall.

The four year and older bulb grows a plant about four to five feet tall.

They make this growth in about thirty days after coming out of ground.

## CULTURE

To produce the flower put a four year or older bulb in a warm place about February 1st and it will start to grow. After it has bloomed, store again in cool place. Plant in April and May, in loose, fertile earth, cover over the top three to six inches, according to size of bulb and loosen earth twelve to eighteen inches around bulb for root growth. Keep moist in dry weather. After the first frost in the fall the bulbs and their off shoots are taken from the ground to keep from freezing. Dry, and store in a cool place.

The off shoots are planted separately the next spring for additional bulbs. All the bulbs produce foliage each year, but do not bloom until the fourth year.

### Price:

- 1 year old bulb—\$ 1.00 postpaid.
- 2 year old bulb— 2.00 postpaid.
- 3 year old bulb— 3.00 postpaid.
- 4 year old bulb— 10.00 postpaid.

## GUARANTEE

Any bulb that fails to grow will be exchanged free upon return of bulb.

REFERENCE: Farmers State Bank, Dallas City, Illinois.

You will get a lot of pleasure in growing these Lilies, for you will have something your friends have seldom seen.

These Bulbs grown and sold by

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DALLAS CITY, ILLINOIS



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